IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title to read as follows:

–A COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF

OPERATING A COMMUNICATION APPARATUS--.

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 5-18, as follows:

--An object of the present invention is to solve the above-described

problems. As one preferred embodiment under such a object, a communication apparatus

of the present invention includes a first coding unit for creating [[a]] first coded data

including an audio ~~signals~~ signal coded by ~~using~~ a first audio coding method, a second

coding unit for creating [[a]] second coded data including an audio ~~signals~~ signal coded by

~~using~~ a second audio coding method that is different from the first coding method, a

control unit for switchably selecting at least one of the first coded data created by the first

audio coding method and the second coded data created by the second audio coding

method, and a sending unit for sending at least one of the first coded data and the second

coded data to another communication apparatus. In this case, the sending unit sends the

first coded data and the second coded data when the control means switches selection a

~~coding method is switched~~ from the first audio coding method to the second audio coding

method ~~during~~ while the communication apparatus is in communication with another

communication apparatus. ~~communication with the other communicating party~~ The

control unit does not select the second coded data until a predetermined time has passed

since the second coding unit starts creating the second coded data.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 19, to page 4, line 6, as follows:

--Also, as another embodiment, a method of operating a communication apparatus of the present invention includes a first coding step for creating first coded data including an audio ~~signals~~ signal coded by ~~using~~ a first audio coding method, a second coding step for creating second coded data including an audio ~~signals~~ signal coded by ~~using~~ a second audio coding method that is different from the first audio coding method, a control step for switchably selecting at least one of the first coded data created by the first audio coding method and the second coded data created by the second audio coding method, and a sending step for sending at least one of the first coded data and the second coded data to another communication apparatus. In this case, the sending step sends the first coded data and the second coded data when ~~a coding method is switched~~ the control step switches selection from the first audio coding method to the second audio coding method ~~during~~ while said communication apparatus is in communication with ~~the other communicating party~~ another communication apparatus. The control step does not select the second coded data until a predetermined time has passed since the second coding step starts creating the second coded data.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 7-21, as follows:

--Further, as another embodiment, a communication apparatus of the present invention includes a receiving unit for ~~sending~~ receiving at least one of first coded data including an audio signal[[s]] coded by ~~using~~ a first audio coding method and second coded data including an audio signal[[s]] coded by ~~using~~ a second audio coding method that is different from the first audio coding method, a first decoding unit for decoding the

first ~~coding method~~ <u>coded data</u>, a second decoding unit for <u>decoding</u> the second coded data, <u>a control unit for switchably selecting at least one of an audio signal outputted from the first decoding unit and an audio signal outputted from the second decoding unit,</u> and an output unit for outputting ~~either one of~~ <u>the</u> audio signal[[s]] ~~output from the first decoding unit and audio signals output from the second decoding unit~~ <u>selected by the control unit.</u> In this case, ~~wherein~~ the receiving unit receives the first coded data and the second coded data when ~~a coding method is switched~~ <u>the control unit switches selection</u> from the first <u>audio</u> coding method to the second <u>audio</u> coding method ~~during~~ <u>while the communication apparatus is in</u> communication with ~~the other communicating party~~ <u>another communication apparatus. The control unit does not select the audio signal outputted from the second decoding unit a predetermined time has passed since the second decoding unit starts decoding the second coded data.</u>--

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 22, to page 5, line 12, as follows:

--Furthermore, as another embodiment, a method of operating a communication apparatus of the present invention includes a receiving step for receiving at least one of first coded data including <u>an</u> audio signal[[s]] coded by ~~using~~ a first <u>audio</u> coding method and second <u>coded</u> data including <u>an</u> audio signal[[s]] coded by ~~using~~ a second <u>audio</u> coding method that is different from the first <u>audio</u> coding method, a first decoding step for decoding the first ~~coding method~~ <u>coded data,</u> a second decoding step for decoding the second coded data, <u>a control step for switchably selecting at least one of an audio signal outputted in the first decoding step and an audio signal outputted in the second decoding step,</u> and an output step for outputting ~~either one of~~ <u>the</u> audio ~~signals output from~~

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the first decoding unit and audio signals output from the second decoding unit signal selected in the control step. In this case, the receiving step receives the first coded data and the second coded data when a coding method is switched the control step switches selection from the first audio coding method to the second audio coding method during while the communication apparatus is in communication with the other communicating party another communication apparatus. The control step does not select the audio signal outputted in the second decoding step until a predetermined time has passed since the second decoding step starts decoding the second coded data.--

Please insert the following paragraph at page 5, between lines 12 and 13:

--Furthermore, as another embodiment, a communication apparatus includes a first coder, arranged for creating first coded data including an audio signal coded by a first audio coding method, and a second coder, arranged for creating second coded data including an audio signal coded by a second audio coding method that is different from the first audio coding method. A controller switchably selects at least one of the first coded data created by the first audio coding method and the second coded data created by the second audio coding method, and a sender is arranged for sending at least one of the first coded data and the second coded data to another communication apparatus. The sender sends the first coded data and the second coded data when the controller switches selection from the first audio coding method to the second audio coding method while the communication apparatus is in communication with another communication apparatus. The controller does not select the second coded data until a predetermined time has passed since the second coder starts creating the second coded data.--

Please insert the following paragraph at page 5, immediately following the paragraph inserted above between lines 12 and 13:

--Furthermore, as another embodiment, a communication apparatus includes a receiver, arranged for receiving at least one of first coded data including an audio signal coded by a first audio coding method and second coded data including an audio signal coded by a second audio coding method that is different from the first audio coding method. A first decoder is arranged for decoding the first coded data, and a second decoder is arranged for decoding the second coded data. A controller switchably selects at least one of an audio signal outputted from the first decoder and an audio signal outputted from the second decoder. An outputter outputs the audio signal selected by the controller. The receiver receives the first coded data and the second coded data when the controller switches selection from the first audio coding method to the second audio coding method while the communication apparatus is in communication with another communication apparatus. The controller does not select the audio signal outputted from the second decoder until a predetermined time has passed since the second decoder starts decoding the second coded data.--

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

--A packet communication device (sending side) sends audio and/or video signals coded by a first coding method and audio and/or video signals coded by a second coding method until ~~the other~~ another communicating party gets ready completely when a coding method is switched from the first coding method to the second coding

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method during communication with the other communicating party. The packet

communication apparatus (receiving side) outputs audio and/or video signals decoded by

using a second decoding method after decoding processes of the second decoding method

corresponding to the second coding method ~~gets~~ <u>become</u> stable. Having this construction

can prevent the occurrence of noise, turbulence of video, and/or interruption of audio

and/or video even when the coding method is switched during communication with ~~the~~

~~other~~ <u>another</u> communicating party.--